

## REMARKS

Claims 12-16 and 18-20 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 6, 11, and 17 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-11 and 17 are pending.

The cancellation of claim 19 is believed to render moot the rejection under 35 USC 101.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 11, and 17 under 35 USC 102(e) and the remaining claims under 35 USC 103(a).

The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1, 11, and 17 have been amended to recite "a trigger sequence comprising a series of attempts to connect to the remote host via a prescribed sequence of two or more trigger ports." Support for the amendments may be found, without limitation, in the specification at page 15, line 19 - page 16, line 10. Dalgic, Tarquini, and Tonnby do not disclose, either singly or in combination, such a trigger sequence. Therefore, claims 1, 11, and 17 are believed to be allowable. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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